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25X1 1. A radical purge of the rank and file of the Czech Communist Party is expected in four to five months. It is intended to remove from the Party all persons implicated in the Slansky affair or associated with elements currently under fire in Czechoslovakia, namely so-called bourgeois cosmopolitans or persons who have been connected with Ota Sling, Maria Svermova or Vlado Clementis. The party membership will probably be cut in half as result of the purge. Moscow appears determined to make the Czech Communist Party a hardshell party without lukewarm adherents.

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3. Foreign Trade Minister Antonin Gregor has returned from Moscow, reportedly displeased with the results of the visit. Kocour (fnu) has assumed the post of Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade.
4. A recent investigation of the Ministry for Chemical Industry resulted in the removal or transfer of some 200 officials (sic). The Czech chemical industry has been considerably reorganized and a special program known as Chemaprojekt has been initiated. One Dr. Cerny (fnu) heads the supervising team of chemical and industrial specialists.

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